

LASIK Quality of Life Collaboration Project (LQOLCP)

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Questionnaire – Future Research

» Assessment of Current LASIK Results

» Long Term Results

» More Information – Adverse Experiences



Controversy Exists

» Some say "Highly Successful Procedure"

» Others say "Very Risky Procedure"

» Example of Ascertainment Bias?



LASIK Surgeon sees: Visual Acuity

- » 20/20 or Better UCVA at 3 Months
 - >95% of Subjects Binocularly
 - >90% of Subjects Monocularly
- » Loss of \geq 2 lines of BCVA
 - 0.2% of eyes



LASIK Activist Sees: Selected Population

- » People with Adverse Experiences
 - Blurred Vision
 - Halos, Glare, Starbursts and Ghosting
 - Dry Eye
 - Depression/Anxiety and
 - Flap Dislocation and Others
- » Even if only 1% (1% of $\sim 20M^* = 200,000$)

*Rough Estimate from Qualsight and FDA current yearly estimates.



Dry Eyes

» Staining

 Up to 3% of eyes had corneal staining of Oxford grade 2 or more at 3 Months

» Symptoms

- Up to 30% of subjects developed new dry eye symptoms
- 3% of subjects worsened by 2 or more levels of OSDI from Preop to 3 Months



Many Eye Drops now Advertising to Treat: "LASIK Dryness"

Market Size??





New Questionnaire New Opportunity

- » Assess complex visual symptoms
- » Capture preoperative expectations as well post-operative satisfaction
- » Identify Long Term Adverse Experiences



Careful Future Studies can Provide Accurate Rates

- » Functional Satisfaction
- » Post-op Adverse Experiences
- » Long Term Adverse Experiences
- » Provide These Rates to Inform all Prospective Patients



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